Olmstead Advisory Committee
Workgroup Activity Summary

For the March 19, 2014
Olmstead Advisory Committee Meeting

WORKGROUP MEETING SUMMARIES

Each of the workgroups held one meeting by teleconference since the last Olmstead Advisory Committee meeting on November 12, 2013. Below are brief summaries of these meetings.

DATA WORKGROUP (CHAIR: KATE WILBER)

Meeting on Tuesday, February 25, 2014 11:00am-Noon
Committee Member Participants: *Kate Wilber (Chair), Eileen Kunz, Lydia Missaelides*
State Staff: *Kiyomi Burchill (California Health and Human Services Agency), Ron Spingarn (Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development), Mark Helmar and Peter Meadows (Department of Health Care Services)*

Workgroup Chair Kate Wilber first recapped the work the Olmstead Committee has already done in data, including: the UCLA Helping Older-adults Maintain independencE (HOME) Study, California Medicaid Research Institute (CaMRI) work with linking Medicare and Medicaid data, and data on the Money Follows the Person Program (California Community Transitions Program in California) administered by the Department of Health Care Services.

She then led call participants in a discussion about priority areas for the Olmstead Committee related to data. The workgroup honed in on two priority areas:

1. **Links to Databases and Reports:** To create or use an existing website to link to databases and reports on long-term services and supports. As a next step, the workgroup members will inventory what databases and reports already exist in this area.
2. **Metrics to Track:** To identify key metrics to track over time, and potentially present in a dashboard. As a next step, the workgroup will review the Olmstead Executive Order and identify potential metrics to measure that progress.

HOUSING WORKGROUP (CHAIR: NANCY HALL)

Meeting on Tuesday, February 25, 2014 2:00-3:00pm
Committee Members: *Brenda Premo, Nancy Hall, Robert Taylor, Michelle Rousey*

State Staff: *Kiyomi Burchill (California Health and Human Services Agency), Christina DiFrancesco and Cindy Cavanaugh (Department of Housing and Community Development)*
Additional Participants*: Daphne Hunt (Senate Office of Research)*

Olmstead Committee Chair Brenda Premo led a discussion on priority areas for the Olmstead Committee related to housing:

1. **Increasing Housing Units for All Populations:** Increasing units of affordable <u>and</u> accessible housing for <u>all populations</u>. Potential means:
    a. Increase affordable housing stock.
    b. Increase the number of units that are accessible in existing or future affordable housing.
2. **Using Medi-Cal Funding or Savings**: Increasing units of affordable <u>and</u> accessible housing for <u>Medi-Cal beneficiaries</u> using Medicaid funding streams. Possible means:
    a. We could look at what other states (e.g. New York, Pennsylvania) have done with Medicaid funding to fund housing.
    b. Monitor implementation of the U.S. Department of Housing and Community Development (HUD) Section 811 grant. This will be used to provide rental assistance to Medi-Cal beneficiaries leaving nursing homes.
3. **HUD Vouchers:** Increase the availability of HUD vouchers, like Section 8 Vouchers and Non-Elderly Disabled (NED) Vouchers.
4. **Increase Housing Expertise:** Bring individuals that work on affordable housing into the full Olmstead Committee or Housing Workgroup.

TRANSPORTATION WORKGROUP (CHAIR: RICHARD SMITH)

<u>Meeting on Friday, February 28, 2014 2:00-3:00 pm</u>
Committee Member Participants: *Richard Smith (Chair), Michelle Rousey, Robert Taylor*
Additional Participants: *Christine Thayer, Brittany Hepler*
State Staff: *Kiyomi Burchill (California Health and Human Services Agency), Ed Long (California Department of Aging)*

Workgroup Chair Rich Smith led a discussion that identified potential priority areas for the Olmstead Committee related to transportation:

1. **CalTrans:** Engaging the California Department of Transportation (CalTrans), for instance on California Transportation Plan 2040. Goals that could be achieved through that plan include to:
    a. Have boilerplate policy language for local transportation planning about transportation for people with disabilities and older adults (i.e. for city or county General Plans).
    b. Empower local human services networks to be effective stakeholders in local transportation planning.

2. **Medi-Cal:** Looking at improving Medi-Cal rules around Non-Emergency Medical Transportation. Looking at transportation in Cal MediConnect around the Non-Emergency Non-Medical Transportation that will be provided, working with Department of Health Care Services and Medi-Cal managed care plans in the 8 Coordinated Care Initiative counties.
3. **Hospital Readmission and Discharge Planning:** Looking at the relationship between hospital readmission and transportation access, and whether Medicare providers are changing their behavior based on hospital readmission rules. Looking at hospital discharge planning for Medi-Cal beneficiaries, and transportation access as a way of improving discharge planning.